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MPPOA recognizes Acquisition Services staff

When the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association asked for nominees for Buyer of the Year, the professional organization received a nomination for an unusual recipient. This particular candidate boasted 375 years of purchasing experience.

When that nominee - the 38-member team from Acquisition Services - was put forward for the honor, MPPOA established a new Agency of the Year Award and named the Department of Management and Budget procurement office as its first recipient.

Representatives of Acquisition Services accepted the award at the association's annual conference held in Traverse City in May.

Penny Saites, executive assistant, submitted the nomination on behalf of Acquisition Services Director **Sean Carlson**.

"Together as a team, these people exceeded the expectations of the highest state government officials, all the way up to Gov. Granholm, in meeting the challenges of the state's budget crisis and effectively implementing solutions," Saites wrote in her nomination letter. "They exceed the criteria

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The entire 38-member staff of Acquisition Services was honored with the new Agency of the Year Award from the Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association. **Jeff White**, buyer manager, and **Claudia Allen**, buyer specialist, accepted the award May 12 at the association's annual conference awards banquet in Traverse City. White, at left, and Allen, center, are joined by **Jean Farris**, right, MPPOA president and procurement supervisor for Rochester Hills.

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of the Buyer of the Year Award - completing many

Living the Values unique and special projects and

performing as outstanding employees.”

She pointed out the staff’s commitment to professionalism, with 16 of the 22 buyers holding professional certification and others pursuing the purchasing credentials.

“In government, it is sometimes difficult to reward our employees, but there are few more rewarding things than being recognized by your peers,” Saïtes wrote. “The Buyer of the Year Award would be a fitting prize from an organization such as MPPOA that is dedicated to the excellence and professionalism of the field of purchasing.”

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DMBusiness: Facilities office introduces ‘easy as 1-2-3’ form

Each month, DMBusiness offers perspectives on Department of Management and Budget priorities. This month, Office of Facilities Director Okey Eneli offers information on a new program that will streamline services in state government.

“The Office of Facilities is always looking for ways to make it easier for our customers to request services, eliminate the number of forms they must complete, enhance our ability to deliver those services faster and more efficiently, and save money,” said Okey Eneli, director of DMB’s Office of Facilities.

The Space Modification Focus Group, an Office of Facilities cross-functional team, recently introduced one new form to replace the three forms currently used for furniture accommodations, space modifications and interaccount billing. The new **DMB-123** form, Special Service Request for DMB-Owned Facilities, will replace the DMB-603, DMB-604 and DMB-650 forms.

“Customers are not always sure which form to fill out or who to send it to, while our facility managers are not always aware of work being done in their buildings or who originally requested it,” Eneli said.

The instructions for the new DMB-123 include a complete DMB-owned building list and the facility manager contact numbers.

“This will eliminate all the guesswork for our customers and for our facility managers,” he noted.

Agency training will be completed during the month of July, and the new form will be implemented Aug. 1.

“We rely on our customers to let us know how we’re doing and welcome their feedback,” Eneli said. “Many times, our efforts to resolve a customer issue result in discovering a better way to communicate with the customer and each other. I continue to count on my qualified staff to come up with creative and effective solutions, and they continue to impress me.”



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The MPPOA is a professional organization of purchasing professionals from publicly funded agencies such as cities, counties, schools, colleges and road commissions. The association provides networking opportunities and offers coursework that leads to professional certification.

Claudia Allen, a buyer specialist with Acquisition Services, serves on the group's board of directors. She is beginning the second year of a two-year term.



Interns aid DMB

Two Central Michigan University students are among DMB's "best and brightest" interns who are bringing their college knowledge to work for state government.

Rebecca Feldpausch and **Chad Schafer** are business students who began their internships May 10. Both are graduates of Fowler High School and plan to graduate from CMU in May. Both also are finding that internships offer valuable on-the-job experience that will give them a head start in their professional careers.



Chad Schafer and Rebecca Feldpausch

Feldpausch, who is an accounting major and finance minor, is working in Financial Services. She has been researching the impact of new legislation and working with monthly financial statements for retired state police and state employees.

"I'm learning about the accounting system used in government," Feldpausch said. "It's a new process for me."

After graduation, she hopes to become a certified public accountant and work for an accounting firm or in government. Her supervisor is **Cindy Moerdyk**.

Schafer, who is working for the Capital Renewal Division in the Office of Facilities, is completing three academic majors: marketing, logistics and purchasing/supply chain management. His supervisor is **Pat Mullen**.

Schafer, who is learning more about supply chain management and inventory levels. Although his internship is only a few weeks along, Schafer is not a newcomer to the department. He had worked as a student employee for DMB for almost a year and a half. He already recognizes differences between student employment and his internship.

"I have a lot more communication with the outside," he said. He has found more opportunity to interact with people outside his immediate area and even outside state government.

"This is giving me the real-world experience," he said.

Ideally, Schafer would like to work in sports marketing and combine his educational background with his avid interest in sports. After his experience as a student and an intern, however, he said a job in state government isn't entirely out of the question.

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Tips to keep bicyclists safe



With summer's warm, sunny weather, more people ride bicycles for transportation and recreation. When we look at the statistics, about 800 people in the United States are killed in bicycle accidents each year, most from head injuries. So keep these tips in mind and bike safely!

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Always ride with traffic - never against it.
- Never pass on the right.
- Never ride with headphones.
- Pull over to use a cell phone.
- Use hand signals to communicate your intentions to motorists.
- Watch for vehicles that are turning or exiting driveways.
- Watch parked cars for opening doors.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Avoid road hazards. Watch out for parallel slat sewer grates, gravel, ice or debris.
- Use lights and reflectors at night.
- Keep your bicycle in good repair.
- Wear a sturdy helmet and brightly colored clothing.

Reconstruction work on Capitol Loop streets continues to move west on Ottawa Street. Crews are tearing up roadway, separating storm and sanitary sewers, and rebuilding and paving streets as part of a phased three-year project. Project updates are provided at weekly public sessions held Thursdays at 8 a.m. at 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 018. Current construction information also is available at www.michigan.gov/capitol-loop.

